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MINUTES OF THE FEDERAL INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (FICEMS)

DATE & TIME:	December 1, 2005, 10:30 a.m.
LOCATION:	HHS, HRSA Parklawn Building, Potomac Conference Room Rockville, MD
MEMBER AGENCY REPRESENTATION:	Department of Homeland Security <i>Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)</i> Mr. John Brasko United States Fire Administration Ms. Cathy Broughton United States Fire Administration Mr. Denis Fitzgerald, ICE/FPS Mr. Brian Rodgers, ICE/FPS
	Department of Agriculture No Representation
	Department of Commerce (DOC) No Representation
	Department of Defense (DOD) No Representation
	Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Mr. Dan Kavanaugh, HRSA, EMSC* Ms. Tina Turgel, HRSA, EMSC

	<p>Mr. Terry Mullins, HRSA – Trauma EMS Technical Assistance Center</p> <p>Ms. Hazel Perez, HRSA</p> <p>Ms. Karen Beckham, HRSA</p> <p>Dr. Dave Boyd, Indian Health Services</p>
	<p>Department of Interior No Representation</p>
	<p>Department of Justice (DOJ) Mr. Randy Stair, USSS*</p>
	<p>Department of Labor No Representation</p>
	<p>Department of Transportation (DOT) Mr. Drew Dawson, Acting Chairman National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)</p> <p>Mr. Dave Bryson, NHTSA</p> <p>Ms. Susan McHenry, NHTSA</p> <p>Ms. Laurie Flaherty, NHTSA</p> <p>Ms. Julie Krueger, NHTSA</p> <p>Mr. Gamunu Wijetunge, NHTSA</p>
	<p>Department of Veteran Affairs No Representation</p>
	<p>General Services Administration (GSA) No Representation</p>
OTHER ATTENDEES PRIVATE SECTOR:	<p>American Ambulance Association Mr. Kurt Krumperman</p>
	<p>National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) Mr. Dave Finger</p>

	Yale University School of Medicine/Emergency Medicine Sandy Bogucki, MD, PhD
	AAMS Mr. Chris Eastlee
	Battelle Ms. Kim Stambler
	Members of the Public Mr. Raphael Barishansky*

****Dial-In Participants***

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS/HANDOUTS

Mr. Drew Dawson, Acting Chairman, welcomed the group, thanked HRSA for hosting the meeting and explained the current status of the transition between FICEMS administered by USFA and the newly reauthorized FICEMS supported by NHTSA. He noted that this meeting is still operating under the old FICEMS which is administered by USFA.

Handouts:

- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Emergency Medical Services Division, FALL 2005 Report

II. REVIEW OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Dawson requested a review and comments to the September meeting minutes. Minor edits were provided to NATEK and a motion was made to approve the minutes with these modifications. The motion was passed and the FICEMS minutes for the September meeting were approved.

III. OLD BUSINESS

There were no reports of old business or open action items that were discussed.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Ambulance Safety

On behalf of Ms. Nancy Romano, Chairman – Ambulance Safety (AS) Subcommittee - Mr. Dawson reported on a couple of ongoing efforts listed below:

- At the September 2005 FICEMS meeting Larry Wiersch announced that the AAA conference would be held on November 28 thru December 2, 2005, in Las Vegas. UPDATE: Currently in progress, the meeting will focus on vehicle safety driving practices. Brian Maguire will be presenting at AAA on the influence of the human factors.

- Billy Rutherford will conduct a teleconference regarding simulators in November 2005. UPDATE: The date has been pushed forward, and will be scheduled sometime in December or January. Once a date has been determined, it will be announced.
- Mr. Rahab and Mr. Worrell made a request to be added to the AS database. This request was completed.

Ms. Romano will request that Mr. Billy Rutherford, AITS, discuss his meeting with/visit to EMS Division, Fire Department, City of New York, on October 26, 2005, at the March 2006 Ambulance Safety Subcommittee meeting.

V. MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS

HRSA – Ms. Tina Turgel/Mr. Dan Kavanaugh

- Ms. Turgel reported that they are expecting a re-compete to be released mid-January for the Center Data Management Coordination Center (CDMCC) portion of the Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network. Applications are due in March and expected award is September 06. The contract is for \$950K/year for three years. Academic Medical School and States can apply.
- EMSC has established two other contracts 1) NAEMSP Workshop which will be held prior to the NASEMSP Annual Conference in Arizona the 19th-21st of January, 2) a contract with The Nockamoto Group which is an 8a company who will work with ACEP on Analgesic and Sedation Guidelines for children in the ER. EMSC is always collaborating with other federal partners and national organizations on an ongoing basis.
- Ms. Turgel also noted that they have an Interagency Committee on EMS Research that is hosted by the EMSC program. The next meeting is January 10th from 10:00 a.m. – noon at the Parklawn Building. This is an open meeting to any interested federal partners.
- EMSC is looking forward to the release of the IOM Report which is due out April 2006. They are especially interested in the pediatric section of this report.
- Mr. Dan Kavanaugh reported that the March 2006 edition of Clinical Pediatric Emergency medicine will exclusively focus on EMSC within the prehospital environment. This should be of interest to many people.
- Mr. Kavanaugh also reported that they are on a continuing resolution until December 17th. He mentioned that even though the House conference report didn't pass a couple of weeks ago, he doesn't feel that it will impact grants/grantees as most of their grants are issued during the 2nd/3rd/4th quarters.

HRSA – Ms. Karen Beckham/Mr. Terry Mullins

- Ms. Beckham announced that they are planning their Annual Leadership Meeting for February 22-24th. This is their Annual Grantee meeting where they bring in the Grantee's and report on the program and receive feedback.
- In addition, they expect the release of the Model Trauma Systems Planning and Evaluation document (MTSPE) at the February Annual Grantee Meeting. If you are

interested in attending, please contact Terry Mullins for additional information and registration details.

- Also, The National Trauma Data Standardization Project continues to progress and should be finalized in the February of 2006.
- Ms. Beckham reported that they are starting to focus on State Triage Protocols. The performance assessment rating tool has given them new short and long term measurements/goals that will help them evaluate what the states are currently following.
- Mr. Drew Dawson also added that there is an ongoing collaboration relating to field triage protocol that is being co-funded by CDC and NHTSA.

FEMA/USFA: Mr. John Brasko

- Mr. Brasko announced that they are still in the process of reorganization and still working on a number of the details. He reported that the programs are continuing as usual. Some of the 2-week residential programs are being looked at in an effort to condense them to a 1-week program based on feedback. These classes have lots of good successes.
- Another program is the Management Community Health Risk. This has been a well received class especially because it is prevention based. It is a class that the community or health organization can use for prevention related issues.

HHS/PHS/IHS/EPEMS: Dr. Dave Boyd

- Dr. Boyd reported an establishment of a new office of Emergency Preparedness and Emergency Medical Services in IHS.
- Currently, he is getting reestablished in DC.
- Dr. Boyd also noted that EMS – IHS has progressed and has 80 recognized EMS programs in the field.

DOJ/USSS: Mr. Randy Stair

- Mr. Stair announced that he was glad to be reengaged once again.

NHTSA: Mr. Drew Dawson/ Ms. Susan McHenry/Mr. Dave Bryson/ Ms. Laurie Flaherty/ Mr. Gamunu Wijetunge/ Ms. Julie Krueger

- Mr. Dawson provided an update on Appropriations. Appropriations have been completed; however unsure if signed by the President. He also stressed the importance of EMS level funding.
- Mr. Dawson reported of an earmark for the National EMS Information System.
- Also, the authorization for new FICEMS was in the DOT reauthorization bill. Specific members named, having statutory duties and reporting to Congress. DOT, DHS, and HHS, staffed by NHTSA and support from other agencies. Mr. Dawson indicated that the next meeting will continue under the “old” FICEMS, working with USFA for transition.

- Mr. Dawson is looking forward to revitalizing EMS and the direction of the new FICEMS..
- Currently looking at mechanisms for increasing non-Federal advisory participation
- Mr. Dawson noted that Dr. Jeff Runge, DHS, Chief Medical Officer, is a strong advocate for EMS. He is looking forward to implementing some of the recommendations once the Institute of Medicine Report is published.
- Ms. Susan McHenry announced the completion of the development phase of NEMSIS. On Sept 16, 2005 University of Utah was signed to house the NEMSIS Technical Assistance Center, subcontracting with UNC to ensure the continuity between the development and implementation phase.
- Ms. McHenry indicated that UNC will ensure vendor and software compliancy. University of Utah will work with State and local EMS agencies and will serve as the initial collection point for State data submissions. At least 5 states will submit NEMSIS compliant data by Fall 06.
- Ms. McHenry concluded with noting that NEMSIS is a joint federal project with NHTSA, HRSA and CDC and is a great example of a collaborative effort among Federal partners.
- Mr. Dave Bryson reported the EMS Scope of Practice Model final draft is available for review on www.emsscopeofpractice.org.
- Mr. Bryson mentioned the National EMS Education Standards, awarded to the National Association of EMS Educators, met in November 2 – 4, 2005 at NAEMSE Headquarters in Pittsburgh.
- The Education Standards project team will meet again in February 2006 to develop a template for the education standards that will be presented May 1 – 3, 2006, at a National Stakeholder's Conference in DC. Estimated project completion is Fall 2008.
- Ms. Laurie Flaherty reported that the Enhanced 9-1-1 system initiative is underway as a joint effort between NHTSA and NTIA. December 2004, Congress passed legislation making two changes in federal 9-1-1 responsibilities:
 1. Formal program and policy coordination across federal agencies, and
 2. Federal funding support to Public Safety Answering Points and related state and local agencies for E9-1-1 deployment and operations.
- Ms. Flaherty reported in Fall of 2004, DOT started a 3-year \$11 million initiative to design the high-level system architecture for the Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1). The final products of the NG 9-1-1 initiative will include a national framework and migration plan for the system.
- In conclusion, Ms. Flaherty reported on the Technology and EMS Project:
 1. Seeks to develop a template and a process for assessing the medical utility of various forms of technology and their potential for improving patient care.
 2. Evaluate the clinical utility of Automatic Crash Notification data and data sets, and developing methods of integrating data with emergency medical services dispatch protocols, resource allocation, and inclusion in the National EMS Information System.
 3. Provide a focal point and sounding board for future national technological issues and for assuring medical community involvement.
- Mr. Gam Wijetunge provided an update on the EMS Workforce Project. As part of a joint effort with HRSA, NHTSA has contracted with the University of California San

Francisco to perform qualitative and quantitative analysis of the current EMS workforce data. Bi-weekly meetings are conducted with staff to provide progress snapshots. More information can be found at: www.emsworkforce.com

- Mr. Wijetunge reported NHTSA's Office of Research and Technology has contracted with Bedford Research Inc. to determine the feasibility of developing a national EMS worker injury surveillance system.
- Noted also was the ongoing USFA effort to provide technical assistance to NIMS training classes.
- Mr. Wijetunge added the deadline for review and commenting of the Draft Infrastructure Protection Plan ends December 5, 2005.
- Mr. Wijetunge reported the Target Capabilities List is out for public comment.
- Mr. Wijetunge concluded with the Emergency Services Sector – Government Coordinating Council: NHTSA staff that service on this committee that provide input on the Emergency Services Sector-Specific Plan has a 180 day comment period.

For more information regarding the NHTSA Projects, please see the handout distributed.

VI. REPORTS – OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

National Volunteer Fire Council: Mr. Dave Finger

Mr. Finger mentioned that they have a number of programs in conjunction with federal agencies. No official report at this time.

American Ambulance Association: Kurt Krumperman

Mr. Krumperman reported on the aftermath of Hurricanes Rita and Katrina, disaster response issues and lessons learned. Mr. Krumperman suggested spending money to improve our ability to be better prepared next time to support federal agencies.

Mr. Krumperman reported on the Medicare Relief Bill, designed to assist everyone. He hopes to have an impact on Medicare – Short Term relief package and pushing it on the hill.

Mr. Krumperman finalized with his ongoing work on Ambulance Safety. Internal survey and great response, will make it available to FICEMS.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Brasko reported that there are many lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina/Rita that will be coming out that will be shared.

Dr. Bogucki suggested that the new FICEMS should consider revitalizing a disaster subcommittee. She noted that during recent disasters or pandemic events that each presents different challenges and feels this is the right venue to deal with these issues.

Mr. Kurt Krumperman noted that in the past this subcommittee didn't hit the ground running because the key players weren't involved to have meaningful productive communications.

Review of Action Items from this meeting:

- There are no outstanding action items to report.

VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS FOLLOWING THIS MEETING

Ambulance Safety Subcommittee meets at 1:00 p.m.

IX. NEXT MEETING

March 2, 2006, 10:30 a.m.

Proposed Location:

FAA Building, Washington, D.C.

Backup Location:

HRSA, Rockville, MD

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.